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Major Goals: The 9th annual GameSec conference was held in Seattle, WA on October 29-31, 2018. We had 72 attendees. ARO was one of the sponsors.

Recent advances in information and communication technologies pose significant security challenges that impact all aspects of modern society. The 9th Conference on Decision and Game Theory for Security in Seattle, Washington, USA, focuses on protection of heterogeneous, large-scale and dynamic systems as well as managing security risks faced by critical infrastructures through rigorous and practically-relevant analytical methods. GameSec 2018 invites novel, high-quality theoretical and practical-relevant contributions, which apply decision and game theory, as well as related techniques such as distributed optimization, dynamic control and mechanism design, to build resilient, secure, and dependable networked systems. The goal of GameSec 2018 is to bring together academic and industrial researchers in an effort to identify and discuss the major technical challenges and recent results that highlight the connections between game theory, control, distributed optimization, economic incentives and real-world security, reputation, trust and privacy problems.

Accomplishments: There were 28 regular and 8 poster papers for GameSec 2018. Springer LNCS printed a book on the papers and they appear in Springer LNCS volume 11199. Two outstanding paper awards were given. Two plenary lectures were given. A special session on Adversarial AI and a tutorial session on Game-Theoretic Security were presented. Many students attended the three-day conference. Forty-four people were in the Technical Program Committee. This committee handled the reviews for the submitted papers.

Training Opportunities: Nothing to Report

Results Dissemination: Dissemination is via the website:

http://www.gamesec-conf.org/ and the Springer LNCS vol. 11199 book: https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030015534 eBook ISBN 978-3-030-01554-1 DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-01554-1

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Honors and Awards: Two outstanding paper awards were given: Perfectly Secure Message Transmission against Rational Timid Adversaries Maiki Fujita, Kenji Yasunaga and Takeshi Koshiba

and

A Diderentially Private and Truthful Incentive Mechanism for Trafffic Offfload to Public Transportation Luyao Niu and Andrew Clark

Protocol Activity Status:

Technology Transfer: Special Track on "Adversarial Al"

Al techniques have made significant inroads into security applications, such as crime prediction and detection in physical security, and intrusion and malware detection in cybersecurity. An important challenge in such adversarial applications of Al is that sophisticated malicious parties can manipulate the Al decision process, for example, by changing the decision environment or poisoning data used for learning, in order to degrade its effectiveness. The research area of Adversarial Al aims to understand vulnerabilities of Al systems to such adversarial tampering, as well as to develop techniques which make intelligent autonomous decision making robust to adversarial subversion. This special track invites submissions on approaches for attacking and defending Al systems, including research on adversarial machine learning, planning in adversarial settings, adversarial crowdsourcing, and more broadly on the use of Al in security and privacy. Please submit to the special track under the topic "Adversarial Al".

Tutorial Session on "Game-Theoretic Security"

Cyber attacks on both databases and critical infrastructure have threatened public and private sectors. Meanwhile, ubiquitous tracking and wearable computing have infringed upon privacy. Advocates and engineers have recently proposed using defensive deception as a means to leverage the information asymmetry typically enjoyed by attackers as a tool for defenders. In this tutorial, we give the audience an overview on the application of game theory to model deception for cybersecurity and privacy. The goal of this tutorial is to elaborate the taxonomy of deception, to provide the state-of-art literature, and to discuss recent advances in deceptive technologies in cybersecurity and privacy. Presentations from the tutorials will be posted here and here.

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